

strange lands; and they accepted as a matter of course the view that I would understand and sympathize with their purposes and needs; and moreover, which was a little embarrassing, they also took it for granted that I would make the people "at home"<sup>7</sup> listen to me when I spoke about them. I told them again and again that I did not see how I could speak about them in any public way in England; but nothing that I said had any effect in shaking their faith that, somehow or other, I would manage to bring vividly before the minds of the English people just what they are doing. They evidently felt that the people at home tended to forget them and to misunderstand their work, and they were eager that some man who could attract attention would state their case.

Slatin Pasha and all the officials and army officers at Khartoum showed these feelings even more markedly than they had been shown to me elsewhere during the preceding eleven months. They were all uneasy over the anti-English movement in Egypt, which, for some years, had been growing more and more violent, which had just culminated in the murder of Boutros Pasha, and which, as it was really dependent for its entire strength upon being the expression of a fanatical Moslem uprising against Christianity, threatened to cause trouble likewise in the Sudan. Their especial concern was of course with the attitude of the exclusively—or well-nigh exclusively—Moslem native army. Slatin told me that the native officers' club—

the club including both the Egyptian and Sudanese officers  
—wished to give an entertainment in my honor if I were  
willing to attend. He explained that there was good  
cause for uneasiness as to the attitude of at least a portion of  
these native officers; and he was especially concerned  
because they had hung in the club a picture of the leader of the  
anti-English party in Egypt. He told me he thought I would  
do a very real good if I would go to their club, show my  
genuine appreciation of the courtesy extended to me,  
and at the same time make an address in which I should pay to  
their past loyalty and efficiency the kind of just tribute  
which would